

Lives of CIA Agents Deliberately Imperiled

Remember Richard Welch? Welch was the CIA Chief of Station in Athens, Greece, who was gunned down by terrorists outside his home there on Dec. 23, 1975. He had been murdered after an editor of a local paper had "exposed" him as an agent and then printed his home address. The editor later acknowledged he had received a tip about Welch through an American publication called *CounterSpy*, which delighted in revealing CIA personnel.

CounterSpy went out of business, but the method of endangering the lives of CIA agents by making them vulnerable to murderous leftist gangs is being gleefully revived by some of the same players once associated with *CounterSpy*, most notably CIA defector-turned-pro-Communist, Philip Agee.

During the recent World Youth Festival held in Havana, William Schaap, a National Lawyers Guild attorney in Washington, D.C., announced from the Havana Libre Hotel the formation of a new group called Counter-Watch, which Agee will help superintend. The group will also publish a bimonthly journal in the Nation's Capital titled *CovertAction Information Bulletin*, whose primary purpose is to blow the cover of U.S. intelligence agents abroad in precisely the same manner as Welch's cover was blown.

In its premier July issue, Agee, in a joint statement with his colleagues, explicitly embraces the *CounterSpy* strategy as a means of crippling U.S. intelligence. As Agee states, there is "an important and vital role to be played by the sort of exposés for which *CounterSpy* had become world-famous. We decided that the dissemination of such information must resume. That *CounterSpy* and its uncovering of CIA personnel and operations around the world were so violently hated by the Agency was our best endorsement."



Agee (second from right) was photographed at a recent news conference in Havana which began a week-long anti-CIA harangue aimed at wrecking the United States' intelligence agency. Posted in front of Agee is a blow-up of the jacket for his how-to book on spotting U.S. spies.

Uncovering CIA agents and making them inviting targets to potential terrorist groups are just the beginning, as Agee & Co. stress they hope to "make this publication a permanent weapon in the fight against the CIA, the FBI, military intelligence and all the other instruments of U.S. imperialist oppression throughout the world. We know that the information and the research is there, crying out to be published and disseminated."

How will all this be accomplished? The publication encourages subscribers to send in tips on who's a possible CIA man. The editors will "try to track down all your leads. Most especially, we will never stop exposing CIA personnel and operations whenever and wherever we find them. We are particularly anxious to receive, anonymously if you desire, copies of U.S. diplomatic lists and U.S. Embassy staff and/or telephone directories, from any countries."

Indeed, the bulletin advertises a how-to-spot-a-spook book, edited and prepared by Agee and Lou Wolf (\$25 normally, but bulletin subscribers get a \$10 discount). Called *Dirty Work* and just published by Lyle Stuart, Inc., the book supposedly "describes in detail how to expose CIA personnel, includes dozens of articles from many countries which have done just that, and presents, in Appendix form, detailed biographies of more than 700 undercover CIA and NSA personnel lurking in embassies and military installations in virtually every country on earth. We urge all our readers to study this book, and the simple methodology it sets forth. And, of course, to let us know the results of your own research."

In a separate article authored solely by Agee, the CIA defector gives more details on how to ferret out U.S. intelligence officials, and then urges that once the reader has compiled his own list through this "do-it-yourself" pro-

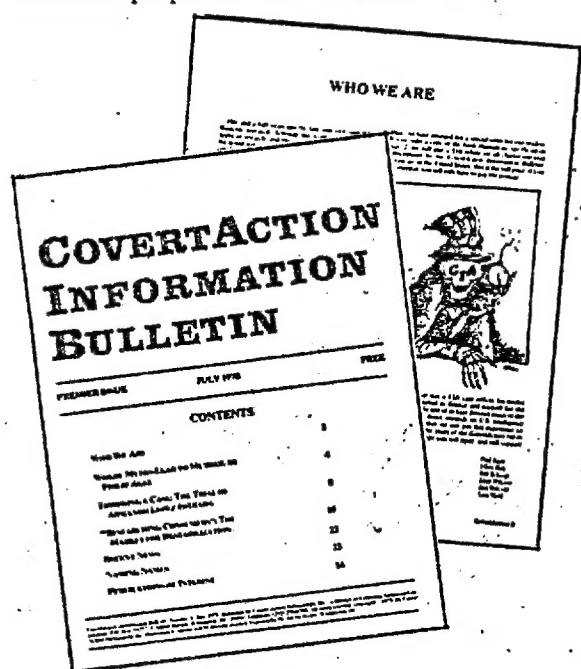
ess that it be published. Then, says Agee, "organize public demonstrations against those named—both at the American Embassy and at their homes—and, where possible, bring pressure on the new government to throw them out."

Agee condones, indeed, invites, the use of violence against our agents. He says that if peaceful protests don't do the job, "those whom the CIA has most oppressed will find other ways of fighting back." Could anything be clearer?

"Together," concludes Agee, "people of many nationalities and varying political belief can cooperate to weaken the CIA and its surrogate intelligence services, striking a blow at political repression and economic injustice. The CIA can be defeated. The proof can be seen from Vietnam to Angola, and in all the other countries where liberation movements are rapidly gaining strength."

"We can all aid this struggle, together with the struggle for socialism in the United States itself."

Who's who in this cabal against the CIA? There's Agee, of course, who is said to live in Rome, Italy. For 13 years a CIA officer primarily involved with Latin America, Agee, 42, is now an admitted proponent of "revolutionary



socialism," who defected from the CIA in Mexico City in 1969. Since that time, he has made it his career to destroy the CIA. During 1976, when residing in England, Agee was accused by the British government of maintaining regular contacts harmful to the security of the United Kingdom and disseminating information injurious to Britain's security. He was finally expelled.

The leading role in Counter-Watch and its bul-

William Schaap, a member of the National Lawyers Guild. The bulletin is published by CovertAction Publications, Inc., a District of Columbia non-profit organization. The telephone is listed to Schaap at 1346 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington D.C. 20036.

According to John Rees, who puts out the *Information Digest*, a superb dope sheet on both right-wing and left-wing extremists, Schaap, 38, has been waging war against the U.S. intelligence community for at least 17 years.

In the period 1968-69, Schaap was active with the New York Military and Draft Law Panel, a joint project of the National Lawyers Guild and the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. Both have been labeled Communist fronts by congressional panels.

"As a member of the former law firm of Lubell, Lubell, Fine and Schaap in the late 1960s and early 1970s," says Rees, "Bill Schaap was known as an adviser and close friend of the leadership of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and of Mark Rudd, leader of the SDS Weatherman faction.... Schaap's law firm became a center for support activity for the Black Panther party (BPP) and SDS Weathermen; and with his law partners Jonathan and David Lubell, well-known as Communist Party, U.S.A., activists and organizers from their Harvard days, helped form Stronghold Consolidated Productions, Inc., which provided Huey Newton and other BPP leaders with funds."

In 1974 and 1975, Schaap and other National Lawyers Guild members and former U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark attempted to join the defense team for the Baader-Meinhof terrorist gang in West Germany.

Ellen Ray, another wheel in this anti-U.S. intelligence apparatus, was a staff member of the National Lawyers Guild Southeast Asia Military Law Project. She and Schaap were among the seven NLG delegates to a January 1975 conference in support of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam. Agee, Schaap and Ray were all associated with *CounterSpy* magazine.

The question is: what are we going to do about it? Rep. Robert Michel (R.-Ill.) once introduced a piece of legislation to deal with this sort of thing, but it was sidetracked. Now a concerted effort has been launched from Havana to sabotage U.S. intelligence around the globe, to make U.S. officials vulnerable to terrorist attacks. But few people believe that this extremely civil libertarian administration will come up with the proper solution to a very real problem.

AGEE WILL NAME MORE CIA AGENTS

THE American intelligence community, which has suffered grievously from post-Watergate Congressional investigations, is bracing itself for a fresh onslaught from a group of Left-wing witch-hunters led by a disaffected former CIA officer.

Mr Philip Agee, 42, the renegade CIA agent, who was expelled from Britain over a year ago, has announced a new, worldwide campaign to expose the name of every American overseas.

One retired CIA counter-intelligence officer working intelligence agent put it bluntly: "This man is probably the worst traitor since Kim Philby."

In an interview broadcast over Havana Radio, Mr Agee announced publication shortly of a new book entitled "Dirty Work," about the CIA in Europe, in which, he said, "more than 700 persons who have been recently integrated into the CIA offices in Western Europe will be named."

Station chiefs

These are to include, he went on, "Clandestine operations officers, station chiefs, people in communications and support of all types."

His first book, "Inside the Company: A CIA Diary," was published in Britain prior to release in America and it gave the names of American agents throughout Latin America.

Mr Agee added that he had "already signed for a third book with my publisher in London."

He revealed his plans last week in Cuba, during a Communist-sponsored world festival of youth and students and took the occasion to preside over a well-publicised "tribunal" on the CIA, which he branded as "the Gestapo of our time."

He also announced publication of a new bi-monthly called the Covert Action Information Bulletin, which is to be published in Washington.

An advance copy shows that "naming names" is to be a "regular feature" of the publication, and for a start it states that the new CIA chief of station in Jamaica is Mr Dean J. Almy Jr., who replaced Mr Norman Descoteaux, "who was exposed by Philip Agee in late 1976 during the Manley re-election campaign."

Hints and tips

In an introductory article, Mr Agee claims that the CIA "probably has no more than 5,000 officers experience in running clandestine operations (so) it should be possible to identify almost all of them."

He then gives hints and tips on "how to spot a spook" locate spies—among regular diplomats attached to Embassies and other American agencies abroad.

"What is particularly sinister about this is that Agee and his colleagues have set out a check list showing how to dig out names of CIA men."

"He not only calls on his readers to do that but to 'organise public demonstrations against those named both at American embassies and at their homes . . . to bring pressure on governments to throw them out,'" said Mr John Coakley, executive director of the Association of Retired Intelligence Officers.

"We are appalled, but not surprised particularly. But this sort of thing can do untold and costly damage. People compromised by this type of activity will have to be transferred once their cover is blown."

"It will be a tremendous harassment, and I don't doubt there will often be mistakes made and perfectly regular State Department officers will get singled out as spies and hounded."

Mr Herbert Hetu, the CIA's Press spokesman, said: "The most frightening and frustrating thing to us is that people like this can do something like this and we have no laws to stop it. These things cost money. We'd live to know where they are getting it."

'Should face jail'

Another senior retired CIA official recalled that the activities of Agee's group had already cost the life of at least one American intelligence, Mr Richard Welch, who was killed by "persons unknown" in Athens in December, 1975.

Senator Barry Goldwater, the Arizona conservative Republican, agreed and told the Senate Intelligence Committee that Agee's American citizenship should be revoked.

Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Texan Democrat, said: "I believe that anyone who so recklessly threatens the safety of our agents, as Mr Agee does, should face the prospect of jail."